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SUBJECT: SPAIN: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING RESULTS FOR SOCOM  
CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

REF: A. SOVEREIGN CHALLENGE PROGRAM/DAVID DIVINE E-MAILS  
[1](#)B. DMS MESSAGE DTG 211144Z JAN 10

[1](#)1. (U) Pursuant to provisions of the Leahy Amendment and Foreign Assistance Act, Post has carefully reviewed the human rights records of the following Spanish candidates who have been invited to participate in the 5th Annual Sovereign Challenge Foreign Military Attache (FMA) conference, to be held March 8-11 in Key West, Florida. Subject conference is sponsored by U. S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) out of Tampa, Florida. U.S. Embassy Madrid's Leahy Vetting Group has no credible information that any of the below named officers have been involved in gross human rights violations or drug trafficking violations.

[1](#)2. (U) The following Attaches assigned to the Spanish Embassy in Washington, DC, have been invited to participate in the USSOCOM conference and vetted by agencies at Post:

-- Brigadier General Rafael Vaquero Fernandez  
DPOB: 21 May 1954, Madrid, Spain  
Spanish Passport XF001116  
Defense Attache

-- Major Jose Mellado  
DPOB: 3 July 1964, Velez-Malaga, Spain  
Spanish Passport XF006188  
Ministry of Interior Attache

[1](#)3. (U) Post appreciates the StateDepartment's assistance in clearing these individuals for participation in subject conference.  
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